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Saturday, April 10, 2010

Happy hunting!



MATT DAY The Times

Hundreds of children had their eyes peeled and their baskets handy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Crystal Beach Public School last Saturday. The hunt was separated into three age divisions and included thousands of treats.

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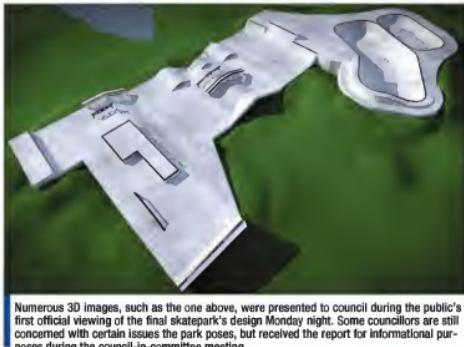
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Numerous 3D images, such as the one above, were presented to council during the public's first official viewing of the final skatepark's design Monday night. Some councillors are still concerned with certain issues the park poses, but received the report for informational purposes during the council-in-committee meeting.

Councillors continue to raise concerns about skatepark

From Page 1

Councillors were hesitant to finalise the design after concerns about children accessing the park from Garrison Road were raised.

Councillor Steve Whiffle's main concern came with the potential danger of park users being dropped off along the highway or crossing the busy street.

"I'm not confident everything has been done to address the safety of the kids," said Whiffle, questioning why the proposed wall blocking the view of the park from the street was

omitted.

"We slammed this down sacrificing dollars for the safety of our youth."

Gunney said appropriate measures would be taken in order to encourage access to the park from the south entrance including the creation of a large ditch and plenty of plants creating a barrier for foot traffic.

Stephen Passero, chair of the skatepark committee, said no matter where the park is placed, and no matter what design is tried to make the park the safest it can be, no one will be completely satisfied.

"I got excited when I looked at the final design because it's exactly what we envisioned as a committee after we talked to the kids, parents and the rest of the community," said Passero. "If we would have chosen one of the other sites, it would have taken the same amount of time to arrive here, just with different obstacles."

Councillor Sandy Annunziata raised concerns about safety issues he had, but also had a problem with the overall look the park

would create to the land.

"The skatepark board is a wonderful initiative... however I don't think the architecture is suitable despite what's in the landscape you put in front of this democratic symbol," he said, referencing Town Hall.

Passero pointed out councillors shouldn't be worried about a "big, grey blob of concrete" as LANDINE set aside some of the \$650,000 budget for creating an aesthetically pleasing facility, full of colour, detailing and landscape improvements.

"To me, having gone through this process, right now there is no better democratic symbol than this skatepark as we have concluded everyone," he said.

The construction of the skatepark has been fast tracked after the "Town received a \$400,000 grant from Recreation Infrastructure Canada and Recreation Ontario if the park were to be built by March 2011."

Councillors decided to receive the report for informational purposes only at the end of the night.

Announcement



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7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Guest Speaker
John Boyer

Light Refreshments will be served



The Adult Literacy Council
of Greater Fort Erie



A United Way Member

EZ Rock serves up lunch



Garrison Road Public School was recently chosen as the winner for the weekly Salute Your School contest organized by 105.7 EZ Rock. Students were treated to a free, healthy lunch of lasagna, apples and salad. Jamie Duggan from B&J Catering joins Lori Love and Jack Potts in serving up a plate to Grade 4 student Kendall Perchaluk.

Have you
HEARD?

By Alaine Miller, M.Sc.
Counselor, Garrison Road
Elementary School
Audiologist

THE HEARING LOSS
EPIDEMIC

According to our estimate, one in three adults suffers from some degree of hearing loss. Even more startling, one out of six adults (29 million) experiences trouble understanding speech. If these numbers were attached to an important outbreak, their would be headlines. Instead, all too often, hearing loss is a silent mystery, some degree of age-related hearing loss, known as "presbycusis," is to be expected. After age 65, men are 5.5 times more likely than women to be affected with hearing loss. Women are more commonly affected. However, hearing loss also affects 8.5% of those in their 20s and 17% of adults in their 30s. These statistics suggest that people of all ages adopt preventions measures and seek early intervention. We bring you this column on hearing healthcare in order to better educate our friends here in Fort Erie on the importance and benefits of taking care of their hearing. We hope that you will take the time to see if you are experiencing hearing difficulties, or if a family member is. If so, experiencing hearing difficulties, we welcome your call at Headgear BALANCE & HEARING CLINIC, 905-871-4424. We offer a full range of services including a highly specialized audiologist at 6800 Garrison Road, Unit 12, including hearing tests and evaluations, individualized hearing instrument fittings, and follow-up care.

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Ratepayers to see increase

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in Fort Erie will be seeing
an increase to their
water bill effective April 16.

That's because councillors passed a by-law to
raise water and sewer base
rates by about \$2 each per
month.

The water rate will be
increasing from \$20.91 in
2009 to \$22.77 while the

sewer rate will be seeing an
increase from \$33.99 in 2009
to \$35.52.

Consumption rates are
also on the rise, but at a
minimal increase of 10
cents per 1,000 litres used
combined.

Councillor Martha
Lockwood said the increase
in costs is due to the
Niagara region having to
adjust its rates.

"We passed our rates earlier
assuming there would be
no change at the region,"
she said. "Sixty per cent of
our water bill's fixed cost
goes to the region so to
leave the rates as they were

would mean the Town
would be facing a deficit."

Unfortunately the
increase will be affecting all
ratepayers, even if they
practice good conservation
methods.

"One of the good things
coming out of this is that we
are looking at a fairer way to
bill people so if they do use
more water they will hopefully
see a reduction in the rates."

No changes will be made
until after 2010.

Niagara regional council
approved the change to the
water and sewer budget on
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Construction begins on new truck lane at Peace Bridge

Matt Day
The Times

The construction of a new commercial truck lane and inspection station at the Peace Bridge has begun.

The \$2-million project was announced at a recent groundbreaking ceremony at the international border crossing with Canada's Justice Minister Rob Nicholson alongside chairman of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (PBA) Ken Schotte.

"As the third-busiest Canada-U.S. commercial truck crossing, the Peace Bridge is essential to trade

with the United States," said Nicholson. "The Government of Canada is proud to have invested in this project, which is creating local jobs today... while contributing to efficient trade and travel over the long term."

The project includes the construction of a fifth primary inspection lane and booth for Canada-based commercial vehicles and a designated Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (VACIS) area where X-ray type devices use low levels of gamma rays to detect any unauthorized items.

Nicholson said the upgrades are important not only to speed up the

process of clearing through customs, but to better protect Canada from incoming contraband.

“This country is a trading nation and the border has to work”

—Rob Nicholson
Justice Minister

able," said Nicholson. "Any investments made along the border are good for not only Niagara, but for Canada as this country is a trading nation and the border has to work."

The Government of Canada, through the Gateways and Border Crossings Fund, is contributing \$1 million for the improvements while the PBA is providing the remaining \$1 million.

"The Peace Bridge Authority is pleased to be able to partner with the Canadian government on this project. Transportation infrastructure, particularly international bridges, is key to

enhancing and maximizing the binational trade and tourism relationship between Canada and the United States," said Schoetz. "These improvements will help expedite commercial crossings into Canada, thereby reducing congestion and traffic queues, and allowing the Peace Bridge to function more effectively."

Ron Rieser, general manager of the Peace Bridge Authority, said the three-lane bridge connecting Canada with the U.S. is one of the busiest international border crossings and often becomes backed up when one of the lanes is congested with trucks waiting to clear inspection.

The improvements being made now will have no effect on the Peace Bridge capacity expansion project regardless on what type of span is chosen.

"There is no bearing whatsoever in design, layout or financing as the existing bridge and its uses will be permitted for commercial traffic once a new span is built."

The work is taking place on land along the Niagara Boulevard, which was acquired from the Niagara Parks Commission last year as part of a land swap for the Coal Docks property at the east end of Jarvis Street.

Construction is expected to be completed this summer.

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Former Fleet workers still have money waiting to be collected

There are thousands of dollars out there waiting for laid-off Fleet Industries workers, all they have to do is claim it.

Susan Baker, executive assistant at Magellan Aerospace Corp. - Fleet's parent company - said she was given the task of tracking down more than 500 employees who were laid off in February 2006 in order for them to rightfully collect their pension money.

"We have a number of people left who we can't find and we owe these people money."

— Susan Baker

Baker said they have managed to find 423 former workers, but there are still about 50 people out there who have money waiting for them and they have no idea the funds are there.

"It all depends on how long they worked at Fleet and what department they were in, but the money could be in the thousands of dollars range."

She said the human resources department was given the daunting task in September. They went through an independent

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We have a number of people left who we can't find and we owe these people money."

agency and through the federal government in order to help track down some of the former employees, yet the remaining 50 have not been able to find anyone.

In order to be eligible for the vested pension plan that was in place, former employees must have worked at Fleet Industries for at least five years.

"Some people may not even know they are entitled to their pension and are missing out on free money. With times how they are now, this could be beneficial to them."

For more information, contact Baker at 905-677-1889 ext. 229 or email her at susan.baker@magellan.aero.



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— Deanie Dube, In-School Mentor



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opinion page

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our editorial

Think before you act

We've all made poor decisions in our life. It's how the world works.

The recent news about a group of teens attempting to set fire to the Cpl. Albert Storm Memorial playground goes beyond the category of poor decisions.

Here we have, in essence, a monument to a fallen soldier for all the community to embrace and one bad decision almost led to the destruction of months of hard work, dedication and fund raising by community members.

Maybe the group didn't realize how much the playground means to the community, or maybe they were just bored and wanted some attention, either way there's no excuse for

trying to deliberately damage public or private property.

None of the youth involved would like to have their most prized possession set ablaze.

The fact is it's over and done with now, and fortunately there was no real damage.

It doesn't matter if it's a mailbox, a bicycle left on a lawn or something much larger than that – if it's not yours, don't touch it unless you have permission.

To the youth – and anyone else in this community – think before you act. Your simple decision could mean a lot to people.

– Matt Day

Don't get caught up too much in 3D shows



Matt Day
Reporter's Notebook

You're sitting in the comforts of your own living room, when all of a sudden a golf ball comes crashing through your TV screen on a direct course to your face.

You jump and throw your hands up, but then quickly remember it's not real and laugh it off.

The latest craze of 3D movies has swept across

the globe, with movie producers pulling all the stops to create that "wow factor" when an audience gathers to see the latest technological-ly advanced film.

Now, you can get that experience without ever stepping foot outside with the launch of 3D televisions.

Sure, it's not the same as the type of special effects that are thrown at you from a 40-foot screen, but the reality is, this is the wave of the future.

Bell TV just announced that it will be Canada's first TV

provider to offer a national 3D high definition broadcast this weekend when it delivers rounds three and four of the 2010 Masters Tournament.

For those very lucky people who have managed to nab one of the nearly \$3,000 sets and 3D glasses to go with it, they will be the first generation to witness this breakthrough and own the rights to brag to all their friends.

It seems like yesterday we were investing thousands of dollars into high definition LCD screens and now

the majority of homes feature some sort of flat monitor positioned in a living room or on a computer desk.

Having seen a few 3D movies myself and being blown away by the experience, I'm excited to eventually own one of these sets which will become a household name in five years... or less.

The problem is, I'll have to wait until a drastic price drop or some luck at the casino for me to be able to purchase one.

I'll admit, I don't watch a lot of television

shows. I'd rather be outside – especially with nice weather finally here – walking down the Niagara Parkway, fishing at one of the local ponds or sitting around a bon fire late at night.

These are the real 3D experiences which are free in our own backyard.

Game systems are increasingly becoming more technologically advanced and it's only a matter of time before the 3D technology comes to that form of entertainment.

What I'm trying to say is, although we have

all of these latest electronic devices to help make life easier and more enjoyable, don't get caught up too much in them.

There's nothing like tackling the day head on instead of watching other people do it on TV.

There's much more to life than sitting around, jumping at a fake ball crashing through your TV set.

If you would like to leave me feedback, email me at mday@forterietimes.com or call me at 905-871-3100 ext. 208.



Do You Remember?

Hope you all enjoyed the April Fool's photo from last week.

Strangely, no one was able to identify any of the people walking with their backs turned towards the camera.

This week's photo shows a distinguished group of men standing proudly

by an assortment of trophies.

We would love to know who these gentlemen are and what the trophies were for.

Please call the Museum at 894-5322 or send an email to museum@forterie.on.ca.

opinion page

Yellow Shirt Brigade asks where is our government now?

Dear Editor,

Recently, Andrea Horwath was in Niagara Falls and a public meeting was held at the Public Library, where people could get to meet her and hear her views on our lack of adequate and accessible health care.

She has stood up time and time again in the Legislature and fought for our rights as promised to all Canadians, and has invited the Yellow Shirt Brigade to a few of the sessions as her guests.

Andrea cares and she shows openly and strongly that she will continue to fight for accessible health care for all of us. She is a dynamic and credible speaker as she speaks from her heart, and, she does come in person to the community.

Kim Craitor was also in attendance, as he is, at almost all of our events. Kim is one of the few politicians like Andrea who is trying to help us.

Kim is in the unenviable position of being in the party that is forcing the awful changes on us and depriving the people of Niagara from having a health care system that is working, and improving our accesses to help in an emergency.

These changes are delaying critical surgeries and treatments for cancer

patients, and filling the few beds we have left with long term care patients.

You all wish he would cross the floor, or he does work hard for his constituents, no matter what their political affiliation.

The speakers told their stories and once again these new stories were upsetting to hear.

They told of long waits, stress and in one case about a young man that was beaten severely in St. Catharines and taken to the hospital where they treated him like a drunk and called the police.

His mother repeatedly asked them to reassess him as he had been there for hours and she was concerned about the head injuries.

She took him to Hinkley car by where he was immediately taken care of and all tests done. You should have been there just to hear the emotion and hear about the neglect in an overburdened hospital.

That was only one of the stories and there was not enough time to hear them all.

Five members of the Yellow Shirt Brigade went to Queens Park recently as guests of Andrea Horwath.

She stood up in the question and answer period and spoke about our lack of health care, and

did in fact ask the Premier if he would look at Merlin's Act in the face because of the fact that her cousin was kept in the E.R. of Niagara General for a total of 7 days because there were no beds available.

She died shortly after at Dolors Memorial.

He never even turned his head to acknowledge the request. He ignored us completely, which is quite a feat as we rather glow in our yellow tops. He just went on with his memorized spiel that we have all heard so often.

I closed my 3 minute talk with:

Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland, we the people of the Southern Tier are sorry to overburden your Hospitals, but your services and beds are also being cut so it will only get worse.

It is time to stop this insanity and regain our Health Care.

Speak out now before it is too late.

Remember next time we vote for Municipal and Provincial Governments let's get it right.

Our country sends aid to help other countries to stop the tyranny.

Where is our government now?

Joy Russell
Yellow Shirt Brigade

The TIMES Asks

How's your luck been during the Tim Hortons' Roll Up the Rim contest?



Sandra Wettlauer



Kevin O'Brien



Linda Gorham



Ed Melanson

"Not so lucky. I've won a few coffee and donuts."

"I've had no luck at all, but I only go there every once in a while."

"I don't go to Tim Hortons because I make my own coffee at home."

"I've won two coffees and a donut and I'm there every single day."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Reader not pleased with new developments along existing Stevensville sewage system

Dear Editor,

These councils swamped the pumps and the small diameter sewage pipes, which meant raw sewage would be dumped into Creek, an unlawful act.

According to the O.M.B. their decisions are binding, but our Town rarely listens or abides by the Municipal Act or the O.M.B.

For want of a better word, they are outlaws, in my opinion.

To show any oversight

George Jardine



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TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

APPLICANT/OWNER: BRIAN AND GORDON TEAL

Application: 350309-0329

DATE: May 3, 2010

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: TOWN HALL,
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PROPOSED CHANGE

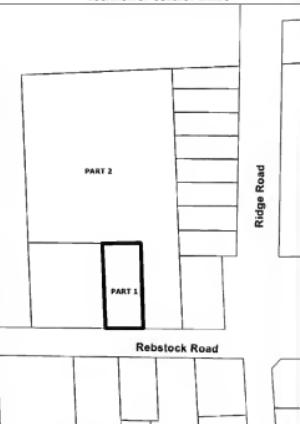
A Zoning By-Law Amendment application has been received for the lands located at 3720 Rebstock Road. The amendment application is the result of a concurrent consent application, which proposes to sever Part 1 from the larger parcel, Part 2. The Zoning By-Law Amendment application proposes to rezone Part 1 from Neighborhood Development ND Zone to a Residential 1 R1 Zone to permit the existing single detached dwelling and accessory structures.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-Law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6



MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Kira Dush, Senior Development Planner at (905) 671-1600 extension 2507. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on April 30, 2010. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.ferterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the By-Law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the By-Law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you do not attend the public meeting but wish to be notified of the adoption of the Zoning By-Law Amendment, you are required to make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2010

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk Rino Mesiacci, Director of Community and Development Services

Youth caught after attempting to set fire to memorial playground

No damage was caused after fire was set inside one of the playground's tunnels.

Matt Day
The Times

The Cpl. Albert Sturm playground was put in place to be a symbolic play area for the residents of Fort Erie to enjoy in honour of a local hero.

All of the hard work the community went through to have this structure put in place almost went up in smoke after a group of seven teenagers lit a fire inside one of the tunnels of the playground Monday night.

Doug Atkins, public safety officer with the Fort Erie Fire Department, said fire and police crews responded to a call from a concerned citizen who

noticed the group of six children acting suspiciously and when he was around 9:30 p.m.

Upon the fire department's arrival, they discovered a small fire was created inside one of the tunnels, but had burnt itself out before causing any real damage.

"It's a stupid thing to do. Here we have the community doing something for the benefit of the area and there are people like this who think nothing to vandalize it or to destroy it," said Atkins.

Fortunately, the fire created from a pile of loose leaves caused no damage to the playground and police officers were able to spot the suspect walking away from the scene along Ridgeway Road.

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"So often you hear of

people who see some-

thing and walk away from it. This goes to show that the majority of the community takes ownership of their playground."

The playground was

set up heavily on the

ground and thanks

to sunny skies and warm

temperatures.

The Niagara Regional

Police wants to warn

children and adults that

playing with fire can be a

dangerous and destruc-

tive activity if not proper-

ly supervised.

ATV collision sends two to hospital

Emergency services responded to reports of an ATV collision on Eagle Street last Friday at around 2:10 p.m. to find a man and a woman suffering from serious injuries, after the male driver lost

control of the vehicle.

The 27-year-old Fort Erie man crossed over the westbound lane and onto the northerly shoulder where he came into collision with several trees, throwing him from the

ATV.

He was air-lifted to the Hamilton Health Sciences - General Site with serious injuries where he remains in stable condition.

The 23-year-old

Hamilton woman was also thrown off and was transported to the Greater Niagara General Hospital with serious injuries where she remains in stable condition as well.

The collision remains under investigation by detectives with the Niagara Regional Police Reconstruction Unit. Witnesses with any information are asked to contact investigators at 905-688-4111 ext. 5500.

Jillian Bondy

Jillian has been matched with her little sister Alaysha for a year now and has grown both in both of them. "I am better to relate to someone younger and Alaysha's confidence has grown and she is more outgoing when she is around me," says Jillian. "I like swimming, baking and anything artistic."

Volunteering was modeled in Jillian's family so finding some way to make a difference in the community was natural. A student in teachers college, Jillian still makes time to spend with her little sister.

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Long-time Fort Erie resident not letting age slow him down

The party is set for Burdett Sisler's 95th birthday party on April 14.

Matt Day The Times

Burdett Sisler remembers Fort Erie during a much simpler time.

Garrison Road was a narrow, two-lane road with trees towering into the sky on both sides.

There was no Central Avenue bridge, no highway overpasses, no traffic lights and no stop signs, he was driving on Jarvis Street.

"When I first came here, there were elderly councilors and they didn't like progress so Fort Erie stood still for quite a while."

Fast track 64 years later and all that has changed, and it doesn't bother Sisler one bit.

In fact, he keeps up with the times as much as he can.

The former customs worker and TV repairman will be turning 95 on April 14 and wants the whole community to come help him celebrate on Sunday at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71. Although Sisler is nearly a century young, he said he doesn't feel it.

He is still an active member of this community and serves as treasurer for the Dandi-Lions and Harmony Hill. He's been on the Fort Erie Seniors' Advisory Committee since 1995 and couldn't help but laugh at a notice he received in the mail saying his term was up in 2015.

Sisler was born in the United States, but said he considers Fort Erie home.

He moved to Canada in 1917, served as a telecommunication mechanic during the Second World War and carried on with his love for electronics by opening up his own television repair shop with a friend of his in Fort Erie after the end of the war.

"There weren't too many TVs in town back then," he recalled.

By 1952, the need for a specialized TV repairman was low and that forced him to change careers.

He then applied for a job at the Canada Border Services Agency in 1952 with a starting salary of \$150 a month and he continued to work there until 1978.

"I've been out longer than I was in," he said with a smile and a hearty laugh.

He tries his best to keep up with technology and said he is on the computer everyday e-mailing or surfing the web.



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"Technology doesn't scare me because I've been around it my whole life. I'm constantly learning."

The lively senior even continues to drive, and said he reminisces at certain spots around town, like his old home on Emerick Avenue where he lived for 50 years.

"They'll never take my car away from me. I've been driving since 1936 and I drive all the

time. It's part of my lifestyle."

He said although his life is

full of good memories and

stories, he's witnessed his fair

share of bad times.

"I don't even know how

many different funerals I've

had to attend," slowly leaning back in his chair and his normal smile fading.

Still, the great-grandfather of 15 remains optimistic about life and puts a positive spin on everything he says.

"I don't like to reminisce a whole lot because I live for the day... People wonder why I keep going and I tell them it's simple. I don't want to sit and waste away for the rest of my life."

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Local tattooist signed by prestigious company opening up in Niagara Falls

Matt Day
The Times

Arlie Sowden never thought becoming a tattoo artist would be his future career.

"I've always loved them and I always loved sketching,"

but I never put two and two together."

Now, the 28-year-old Fort Erie resident has been handed the opportunity of a life time.

The already distinguished tattooist will be building his portfolio up even more with

his recent signing to the world-famous Hart and Huntington Tattoo company which will be opening up in Niagara Falls in May.

Sowden was named head tattoo artist in the company's first Canadian shop.

He was chosen from about

100 recent applicants after a client of his met entrepreneur and professional motocross racer Chris Clegg in Las Vegas.

"He actually met with me before any of the interviews because he liked my style," said Sowden, explaining how music and his culture helps inspire his west-coast type of artwork.

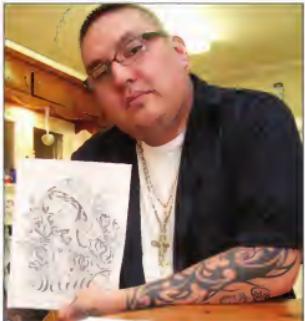
Hart himself visited the Niagara Falls shop, agreeing about the high demand of having an upscale tattoo shop in the Southern Ontario area.

Sowden said Niagara Falls is the perfect spot for the fifth location of a Hart and Huntington shop.

"Canadians, and the Niagara region in particular, aren't afraid of expressing themselves. We're open and free and not afraid to show that off."

Sowden has been tattooing for five years at Artistic Impressions in Niagara Falls and said his goal is to eventually open up a shop of his own in Fort Erie.

"I want to bring a reputable business back here with the experience I'll be getting and already have. I'm a family and community minded person



Arlie Sowden holds up one of his many drawings inside his Dufferin Street home. The 28-year-old was recently signed as head tattooist for the Niagara Falls Hart and Huntington opening soon.

and I feel I can give back to my hometown with a trait that I've learned properly."

Sowden said he doesn't want to limit himself to one specific style as he has clients all over the world requesting him.

"I'm forever grateful for

what has happened to me, and I'm glad I am able to express a talent of mine to the whole world."

Appointments are being taken once the shop opens and can be arranged by emailing him at asowden.hhtat@gmail.com.



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All persons having claims against the Estate of ROBERT EDWARD LICHENBERGER, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Ontario, who died on the 3rd day of August, 2009, are notified to present to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of May, 2010, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person whose claim the undersigned shall not then have notice.

DATED THIS 25th day of March, 2010.

EDWARD LICHENBERGER, Estate Trustee by their solicitors

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IN THE ESTATE OF

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DATED at the City of Greater Sudbury, in the District of Sudbury, in the Province of Ontario, this 30th day of March, 2010.

EDWARD LICHENBERGER

EDWARD LICHENBERGER, Estate Trustee

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Births**DILL**

John and Sara (nee De Tamble) are overjoyed to announce the safe arrival of their son, Jack.

JACK HUNTER CLARK DILL
Jack arrived on March 24, 2010, weighing in at 8 lbs 1 oz. Jack is the first grandchild for Donna Hunter De Tamble, and first namesake for her late mother, Sara.

De Tamble, Jack is also welcomed by grandparents Keith Dill and Jill Dill, Aunts Linda & Jen Dill, Uncle Jeff Dill and cousin-in-law, Alana, and Julie. Very special thanks to Dr. Gleeson, Dr. Chan and the OB/GYN staff at St. Catharines General for Jack's safe arrival, and a special thanks to Daddy for all of his love and support.

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Birthday greetings**Happy 40th Birthday**

to my wife and best friend

Tara

Love Roger, Bev, and the gang.

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Birthday greetings**Happy 1st Birthday**April Crichton
April 13th

Lots of love from Mom & Dad

**Happy 1st Birthday****NATHANIEL**

April 9th, 2010

Love Mom, Grandma, Grandpa,
Auntie, Brianna, Kevin, Nanna,
Papa, Grandma Joanne,
Grandpa Jim and the rest of the gang!

**Lauren Spada**will be 8 years old on
April 10th!We love you so much.
Love Mommy, Daddy,
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Birthday greetings**You are invited to a
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THANK YOU

April 3, 2010 - Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
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scared and confused but 6 hours later on
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You so much family, friends and neighbours.
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Deaths



HYGAARD, Hjalmor - After a long struggle, Hjalmor passed away at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Monday April 5th, 2010 in his 83rd year. Loving husband of Lena. Proud brother of June (Nesteroff of Florida), Richard, (Darien) and Emanuel (Hygaard of Thunder Bay, Manitoba) and for over 40 years to Ontario Hydro and was an Elder in the Congregation of Jehovah's Witness for over 30 years. He will be sadly missed by the many individuals that he has touched over his lifetime. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1165 Benner Ave., Fort Erie, arrangements with arrangements. Cremation will take place.

BURGESS, Sue (nee Kingston) - Peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, Niagara Falls on Tuesday, April 6th, 2010. In her 73rd year. Loving mother of Randy (Ruth) Burgess, Robert (Charlene) Burgess, and Anna (Michael) (John) Bassford. Loved Grandma Sive of Alyssa and Leah Burgess, Christy Roothane and Great Grandma of Royce Harper. Daughter of Tom (Mary) Kingston and sister-in-law of Kathryn Kingston. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Sue was a Registered Nurse. A long time parishioner of St. Michael's Church, President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and former President of the Catholic Women's League. A volunteer driver with the Red Cross and the Meals on Wheels. The girls are together again. The family would like to thank all at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Wintermute St., Fort Erie on Thursday. Funeral mass was celebrated at St. Michael's Church, Fort Erie on Friday, April 9th at 11 a.m. Cremation with inurnment at the Niagara Falls Cemetery. A visitation was celebrated at the funeral home on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. If so desired, expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Michael's Church Building Fund. Online guest register at www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

Deaths

GRAY, William T. (Bill) - W.W.II Veteran, 2nd Anti-Tank Royal Canadian Artillery. Retiree of Fleet Manufacturing. Born June 25th, 1923 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, passed away April 3rd, 2010 at Burlington Court Manor in Burlington, Ont. with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Jean (nee Jones) (1969). Devoted loving father to Michael (Sandi) of Kamloops, BC, Terry (Paul) Baker of Burlington, Ont., Michelle (Gilles) Champagne, of Val-des-Monts, QC., Rosslyn (Mark) Denner of California, Dale (Mike) Thompson of St. Catharines, Son of Texas and Gerald (Cindy) of Fort Erie. Loving Papa to Jackie (Joe), Barb (Jack), Kelly (Kevin), Danielle (Jean-Francois), Justin, Mike (Maris), Samantha, Sean, Chris (Andrea), Scott, Amanda, Kerri, David (Stephanie), Karen, Andrew, and Leah (Joe). Stephen and Bill's Great Grandchildren to 20 Great Grandchildren. He leaves behind his sister Agnes Jacks of Winnipeg. Predeceased by his parents as well as 6 brothers and sisters. Special thanks to all the staff at Billings Court for their care over the last 5 years. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1165 Benner Ave., Fort Erie, arrangements with arrangements. The family received friends on Thursday April 8th, from 10 am until the time of the service to Celebrate Bill's life at 11 am. Interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Deaths

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In memoriam



Margaret Brooks

December 8, 1942 - April 9, 2008
It's been two years since we lost a loving Mother and Grandmother. She continues to live in our hearts but one thing remains the same our hearts still ache with the thought of you gone forever, but it's not goodbye it's "see you later".

Love your children: Meles, Tammy, Patty, Beth, Debbie (Carr), John (Me), Bonnie (Joe), and Vicki (Terry). Grandchildren: Steven (Terry), Jessica, Krista (Casey), Nikki (Peter), Ashley (Justin), Miley, Carole, James, Kara (Mike), Rita, John, Kristopher, and great grandchildren: Jada, CJ, Dekin and Leana.

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In memoriam

RITENBURG

In loving memory of Howard who passed away April 9, 1990. Sadly missed by Helen and family.

Card of thanks

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Brick

To my neighbour who continuously decides the best time to work on his car is late at night. I don't mind what you do in your spare time, but please, don't rev up the engine for five minutes at a time when the people around you are trying to sleep.

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Bouquet

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